

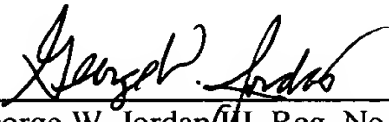


the mailing of a first office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under § 1.114.

Listing of Patent Families

Further, a copy of the listing of patent families from a foreign search is attached.

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